



## **Notes from meeting, Tue 1st Jul 2014**

### **Activities**

#### Lead Practitioners Meeting

David had presented at the recent lead practitioners meeting. He received some positive feedback and not everyone got up and left :0)

#### Fatherhood Institute Initiative

Southampton has been selected as one of the local authorities to be part of the pilot for this project to try and increase the number of men working or volunteering in the early years sector. An initial kick-off meeting has been held. David & Gary attended from SAMEY. A questionnaire has gone out to all settings and training providers to try and ascertain the current number of males in the workforce. A follow up meeting has been scheduled in July.

#### Birmingham University Research

Paint Pots and Brook Preschool hosted 2 colleagues from Birmingham University conducting research into males working in early years. They observed children's interactions with male and female staff.

#### Visit to London MiC group meeting

Still planning to travel to a forthcoming meeting of the London Men in Childcare group. David to find out when the next one is.

#### Hampshire

David has contacted Hampshire County Council with an offer to present at any appropriate meetings in the future and with details of the website or to invite individuals to join our mailing list.

### **Opportunities**

#### Schools Work

David and Gary to contact schools again with a view to arranging visits in the autumn term.

#### **Publicity**

Items still being pursued -

- podcasts (may be able to record these in City College studios);
- video (may be able to get City College students to produce this);
- testimonials / personal stories, quotes

David to email local settings / agencies again with the next meeting poster.

**Next Meeting: 7pm Wednesday 24th September 2014**  
at The Hub, City College, Chapel Road, Southampton SO14 5GL